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GALAXY RANGERS

KIRWANE — A PLANET ON THE EDGE OF THE ORION GALACTIC ARM.



KIDNAPPED!



IN HER SEMI-TRANCE STATE, SHE PERCEIVED BRILLIANT FLASHES FROM THE PAST OR THE FUTURE WHEN TOUCHING AN OBJECT...

"I SEE THEM...ZAK, WALDO AND ZOZO. THEY WERE HERE...TALKING..."

...SO WHEN DO I GET THAT BEEF-FRUIT BURGER YOU PROMISED ME, ZOZO..?

PATIENCE, YOUNG ZAK. WE'RE NEARLY AT THE NEW SETTLEMENT NOW.

GREAT! I-- W-WHAT'S THAT?

THAT, I FEAR, ZAK...IS TROUBLE!

UH-OH — LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THAT BURGER, ZAK..!

YIIII! M-MY CAP..!

FORGET IT, ZAK — I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES!

"WITH ALL THREE PULLED ON BOARD, THE CRAFT HEADED FOR SPACE..."

I...CAN'T IDENTIFY THE CRAFT, CAPTAIN...NO CLEAR IMAGE OF IT...

ANY WAY YOU CAN TELL WHERE IT WENT..?

CAN'T...MAKE OUT— WAIT... YES! AN ASTEROID...AND I THINK I CAN GET A FIX ON WHERE..!

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH! RIDE, RANGERS — WE'LL USE THE HYPERDRIVE ASSAULT POD!

ON THE BLEAK SURFACE OF THE ASTEROID NIKO HAD PINPOINTED, A BIZARRE SECRET INSTALLATION BUZZED WITH ACTIVITY...

WALDO, ZOZO, AND ZAK HAD BEEN DELIVERED INSIDE AS PRISONERS...

...OF THE DREADED IMPERIAL CROWN!

THE HUMAN IS NOW READY, SLAVER LORD.

EXCELLENT, CROWN AGENT. AS HUMANS MAKE THE BEST SUBJECTS FOR THE PROCESS, WE WILL SAVE HIS ALIEN FRIENDS FOR LATER...

BUT HOLD...OUR RULER IS MIND-LINKING WITH ME. SILENCE THIS INSTANT FOR...

...THE QUEEN OF THE CROWN!

THE MOST EVIL MONARCH IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE, ZOZO — RULER THROUGH FEAR IN A THOUSAND STAR SYSTEMS...

ULP! MAYBE SHE'S LOOKING TO EXPAND...

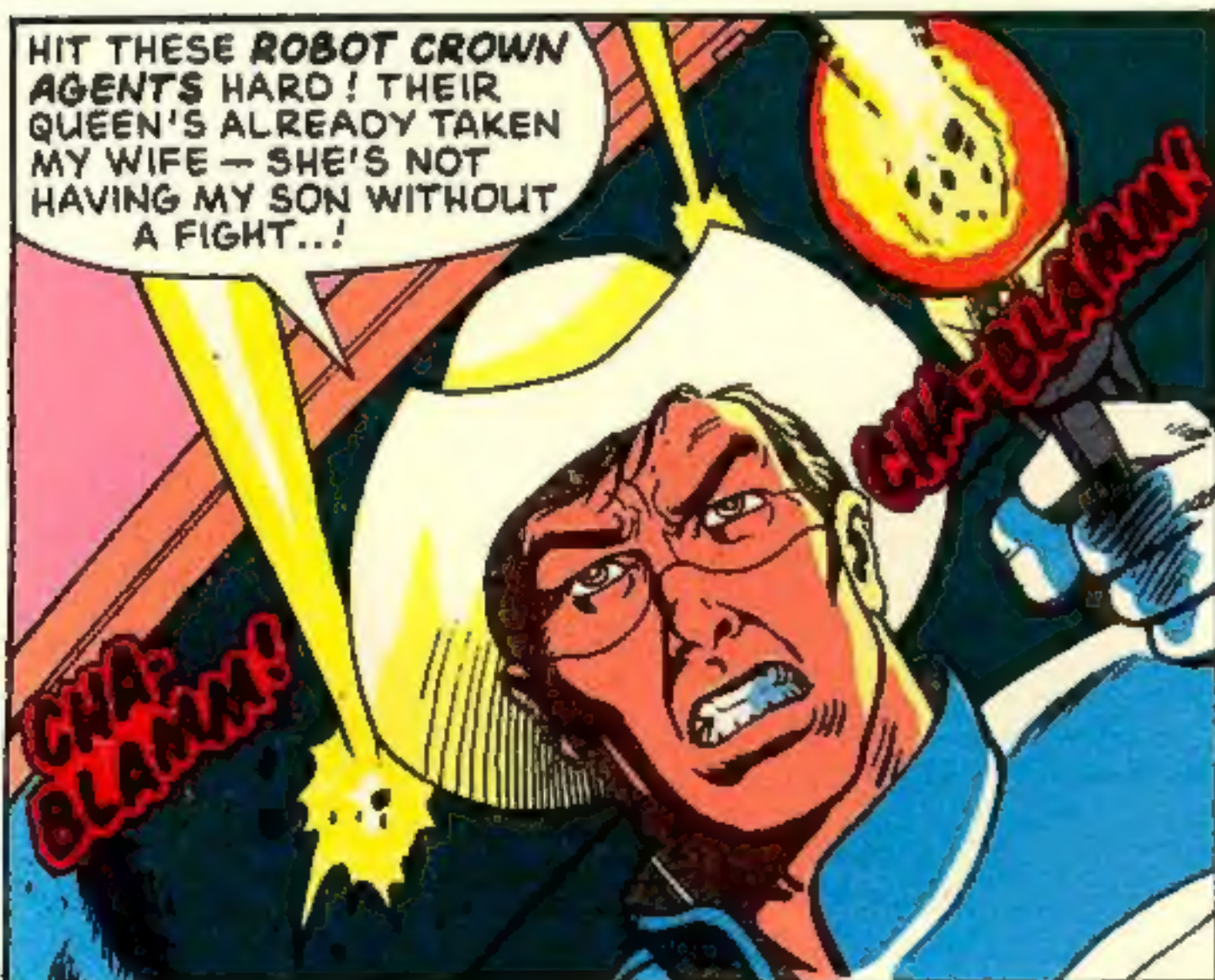
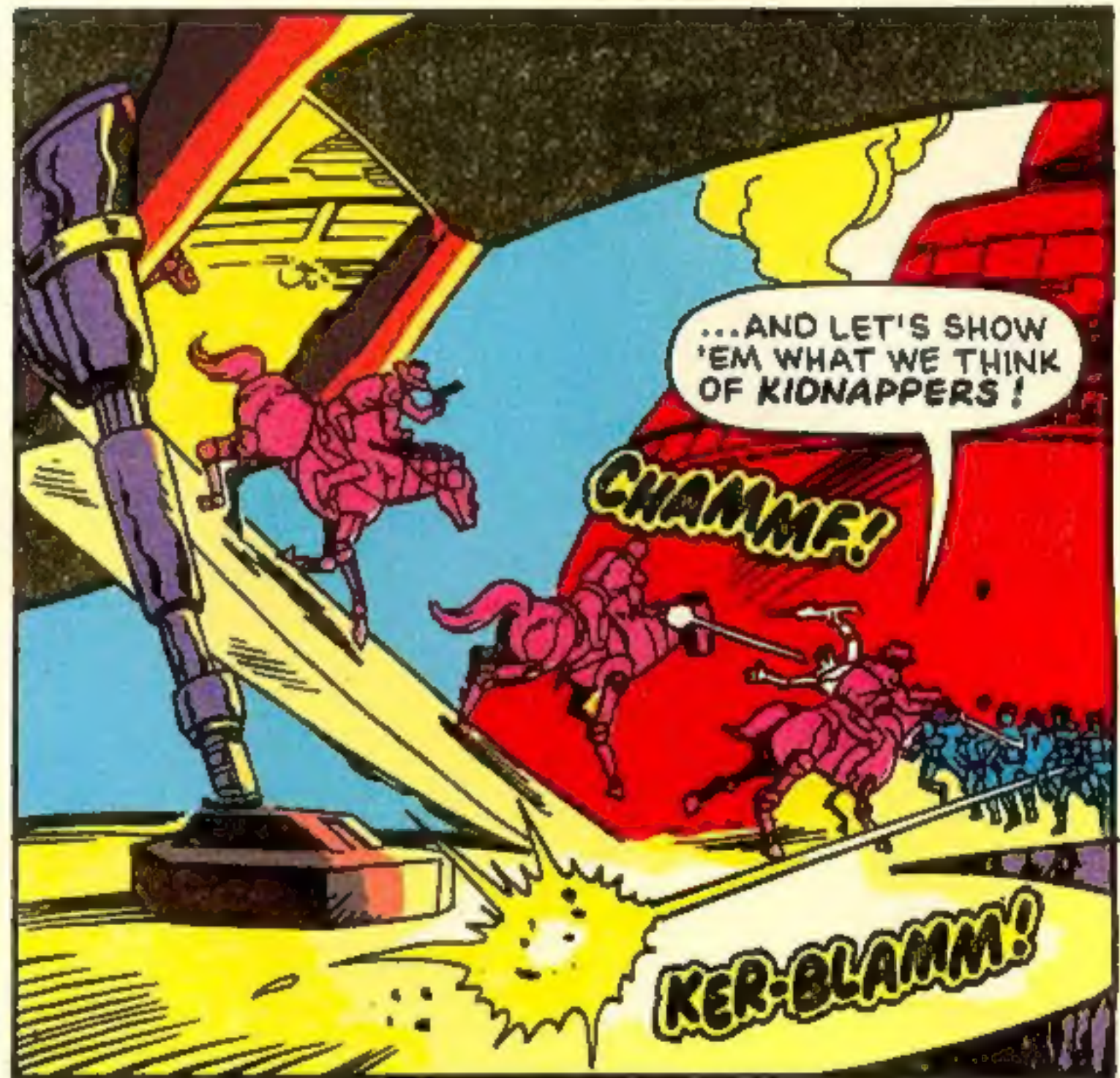
JUST THEN...

YOUR MAJESTY—FORGIVE THE INTERRUPTION, BUT OUR SENSORS DETECT AN INCOMING CRAFT...

THE RANGERS...BLAST! THEY'VE TRACKED THEIR FRIENDS SOONER THAN I'D ANTICIPATED...

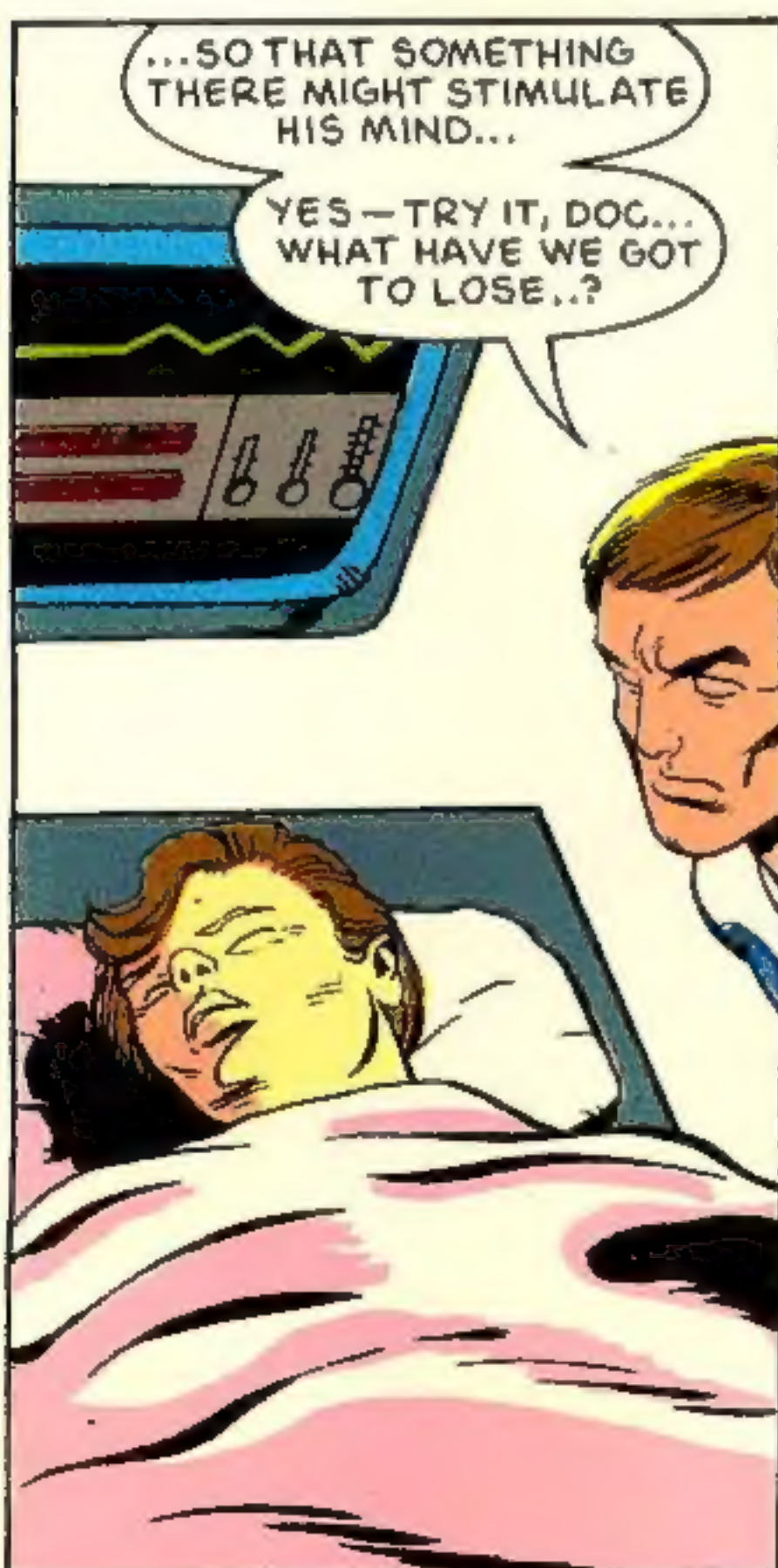
NO MATTER—THE MAJOR FORCE I HAVE DESPATCHED WILL ARRIVE HERE SHORTLY.

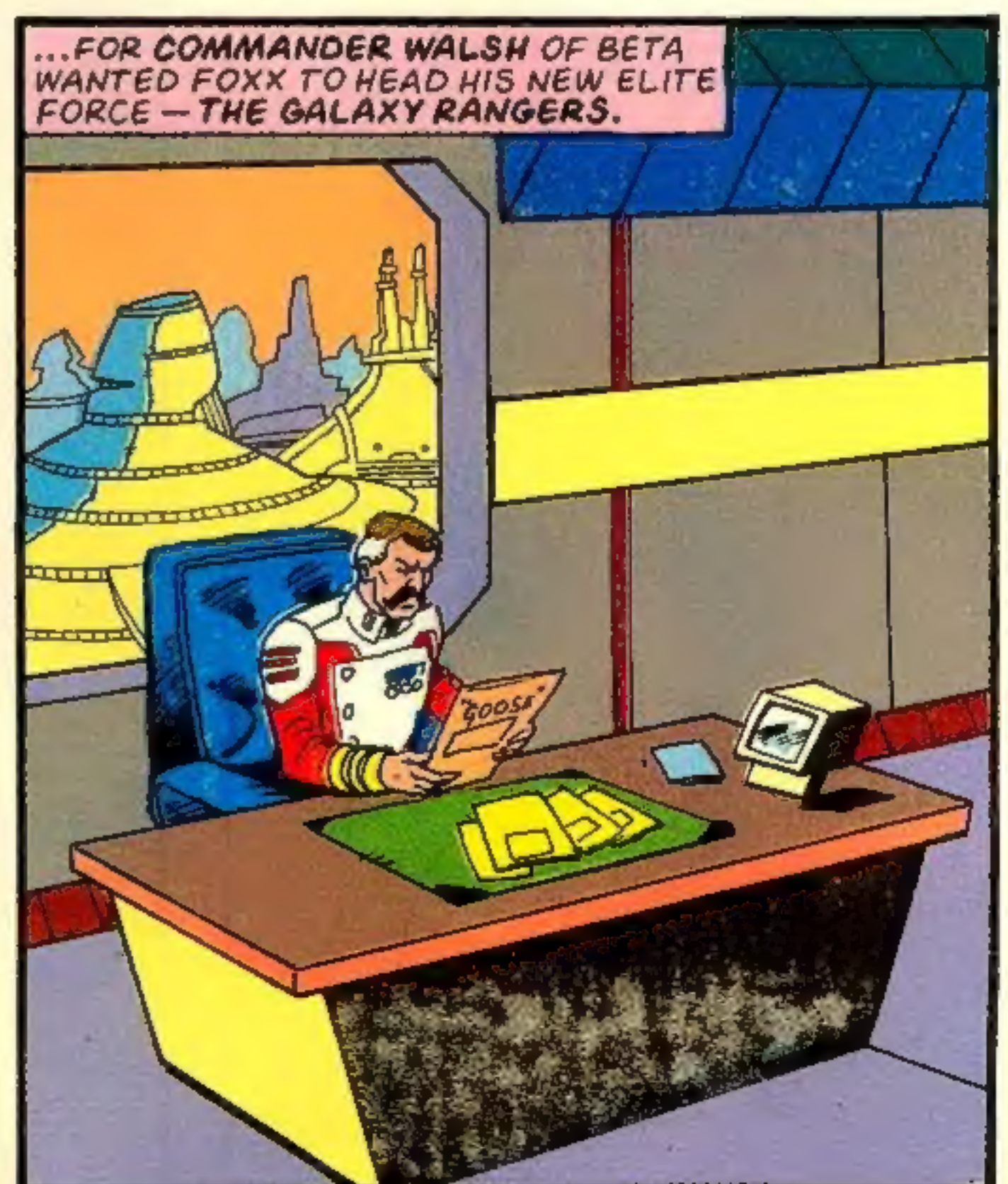
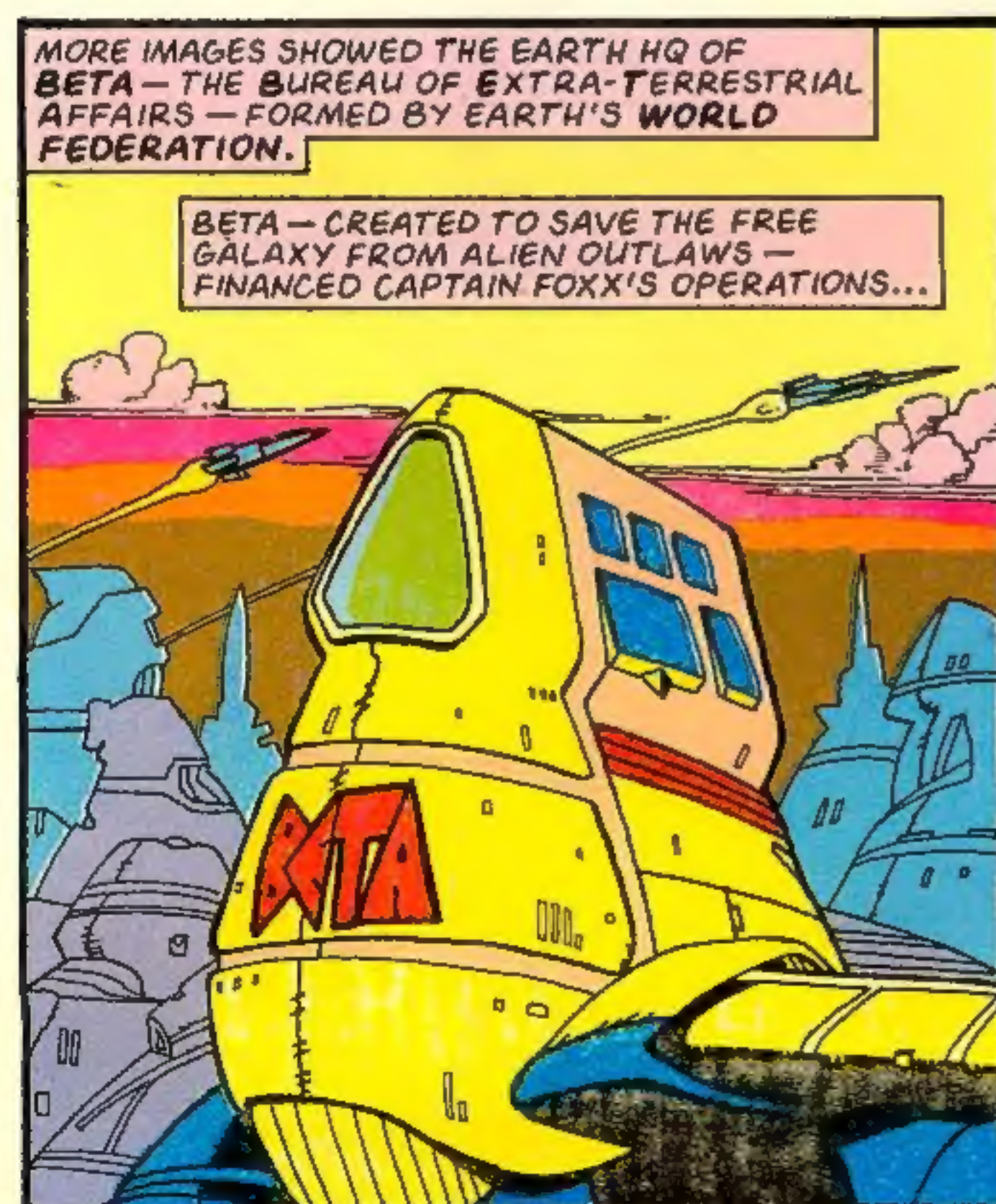
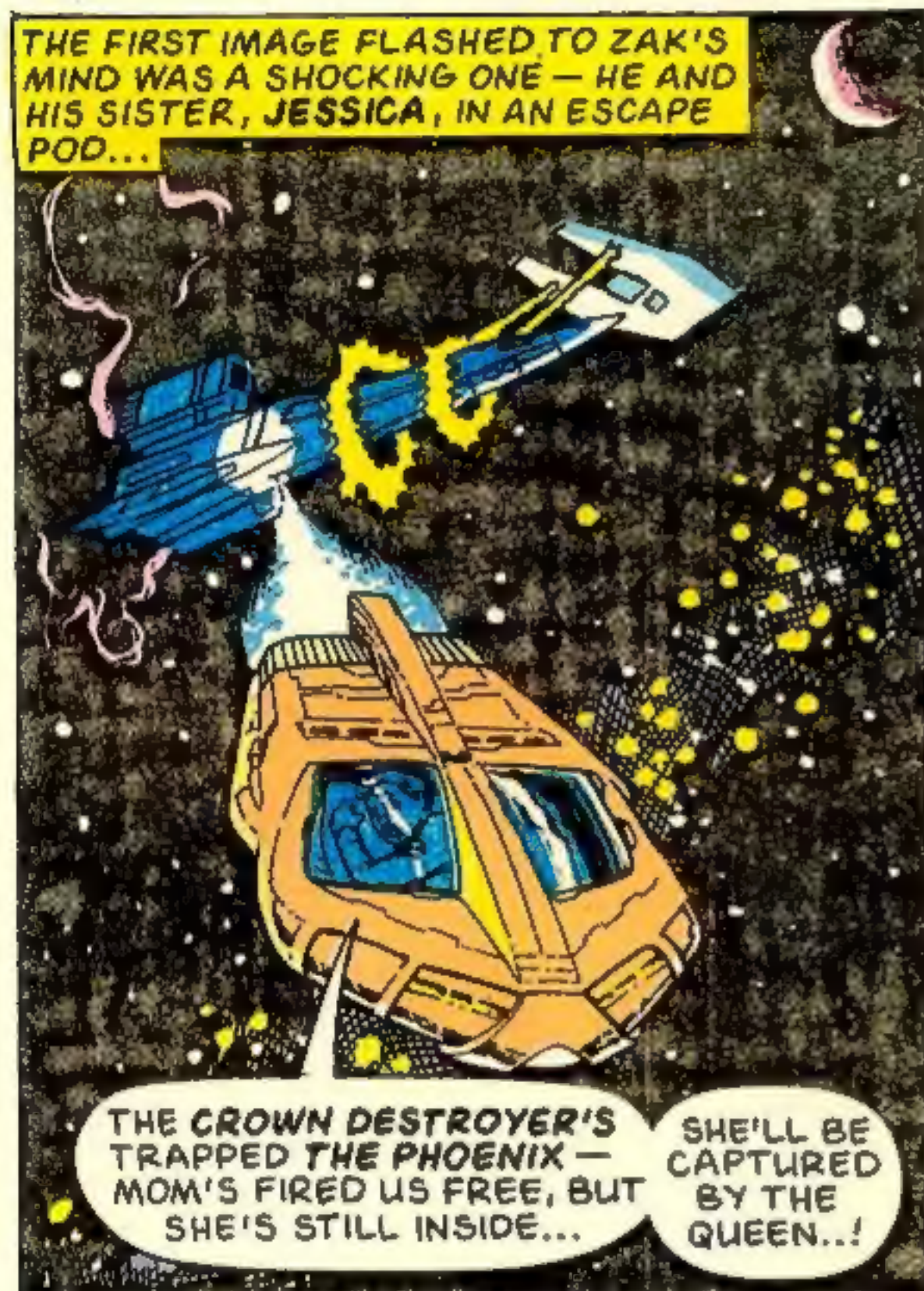
IN THE MEANTIME, ACTIVATE THE MACHINE! DRAIN THE HUMAN'S LIFE FORCE, TO GIVE ME ANOTHER SLAVER LORD!





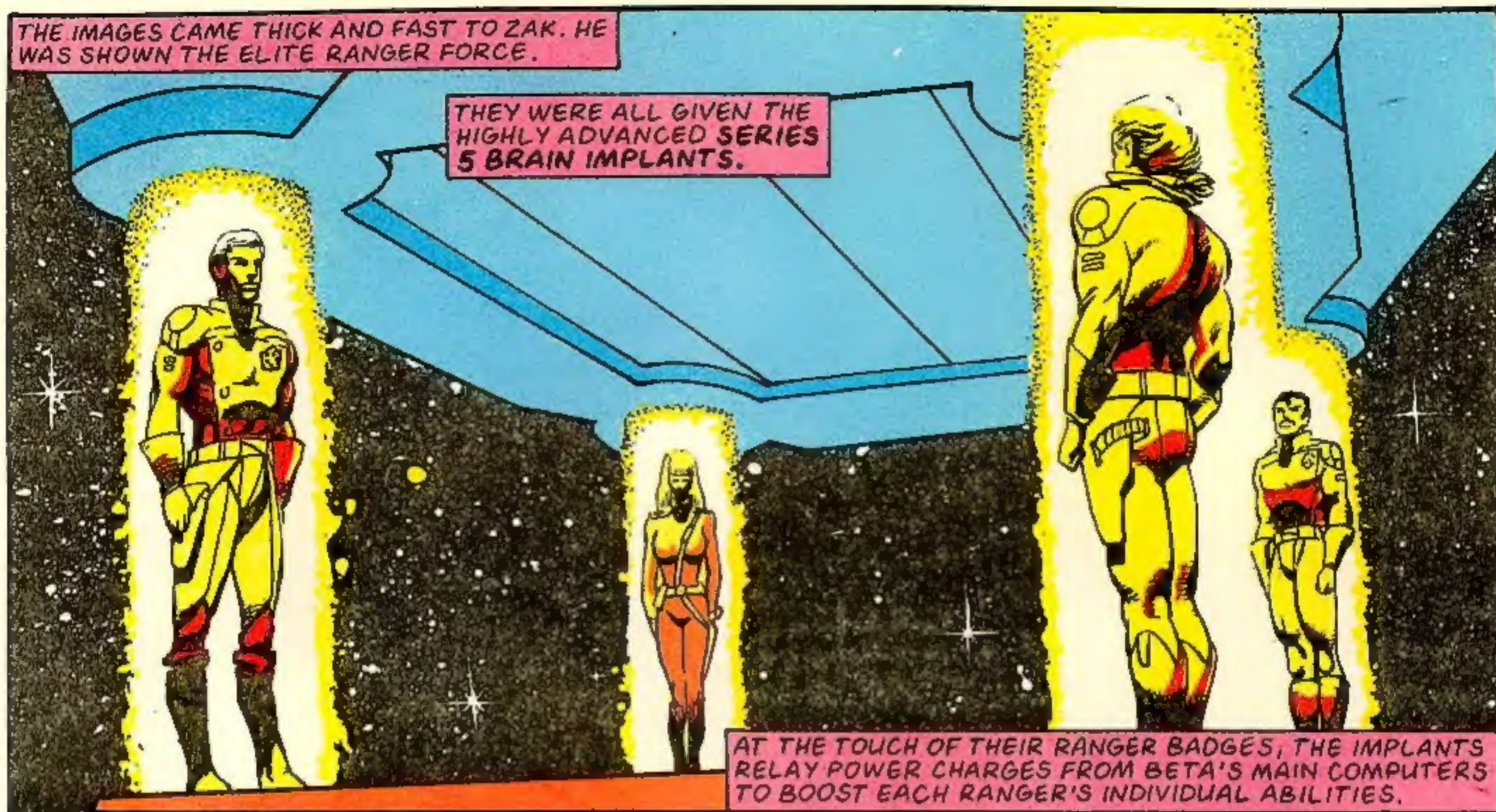
FOUR DAYS LATER, AT KIRWANE'S PRAIRIE HOSPITAL...





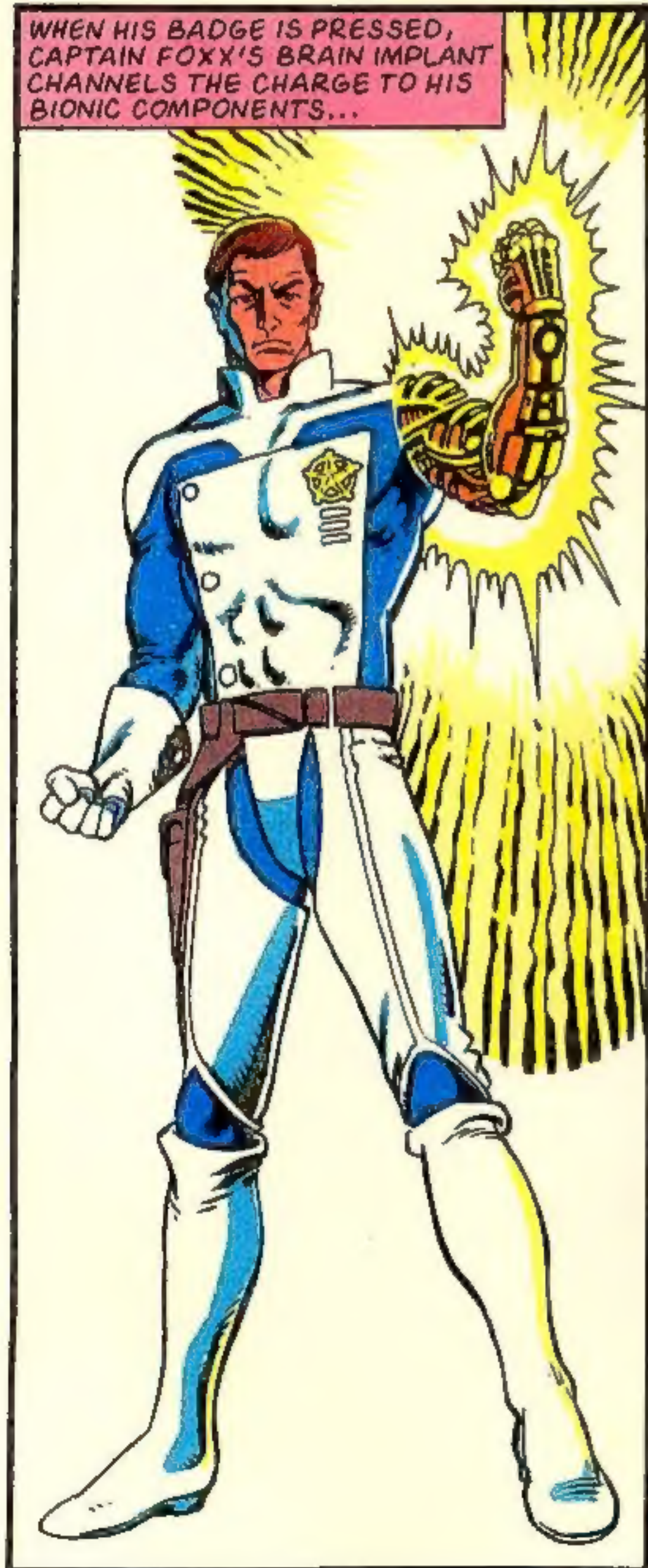
THE IMAGES CAME THICK AND FAST TO ZAK. HE WAS SHOWN THE ELITE RANGER FORCE.

THEY WERE ALL GIVEN THE HIGHLY ADVANCED SERIES 5 BRAIN IMPLANTS.

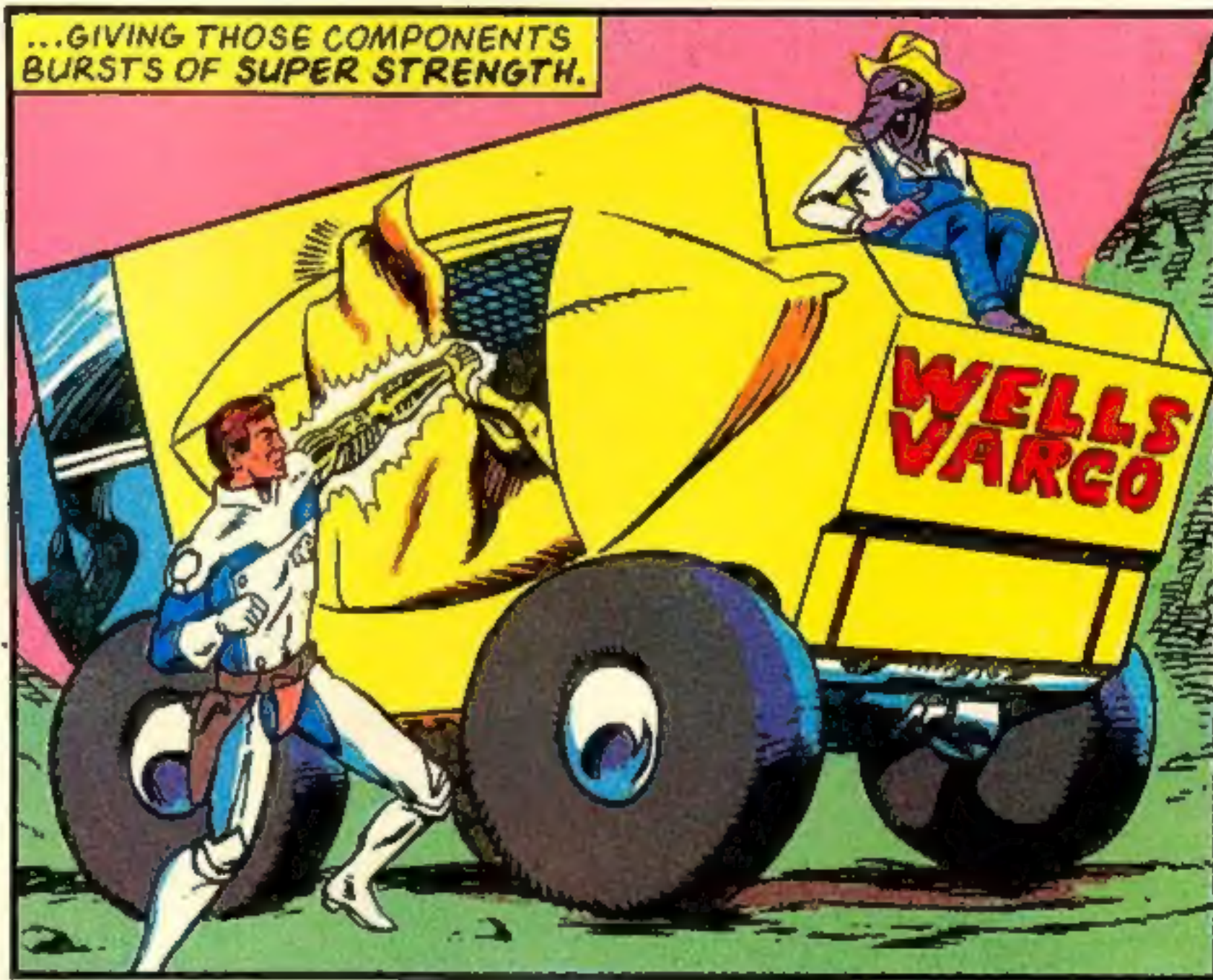


AT THE TOUCH OF THEIR RANGER BADGES, THE IMPLANTS RELAY POWER CHARGES FROM BETA'S MAIN COMPUTERS TO BOOST EACH RANGER'S INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES.

WHEN HIS BADGE IS PRESSED, CAPTAIN FOXX'S BRAIN IMPLANT CHANNELS THE CHARGE TO HIS BIONIC COMPONENTS...



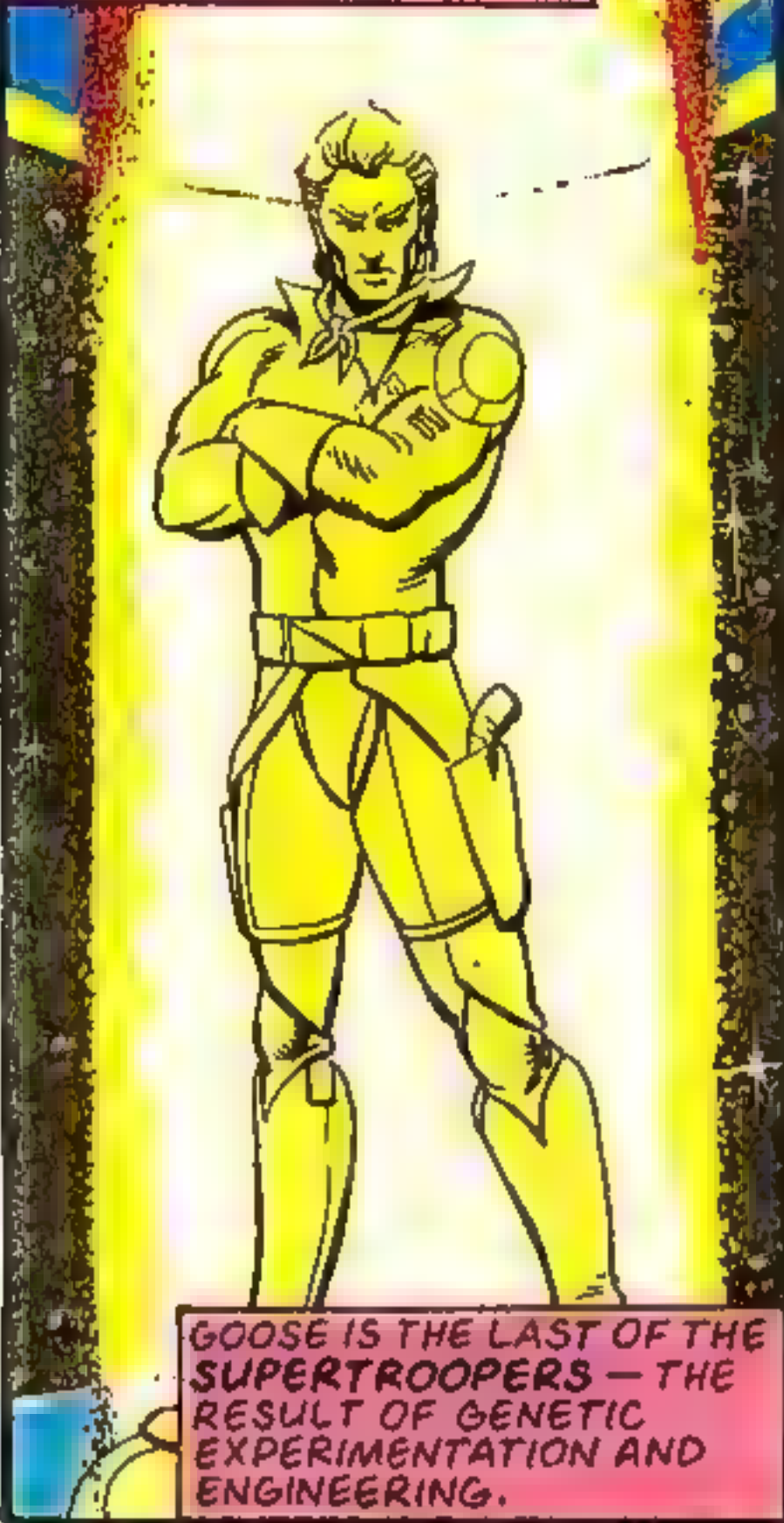
...GIVING THOSE COMPONENTS BURSTS OF SUPER STRENGTH.



THE CHARGE ALSO ALLOWS FOXX TO HURL A THUNDERING ENERGY BOLT FROM HIS BIONIC ARM.

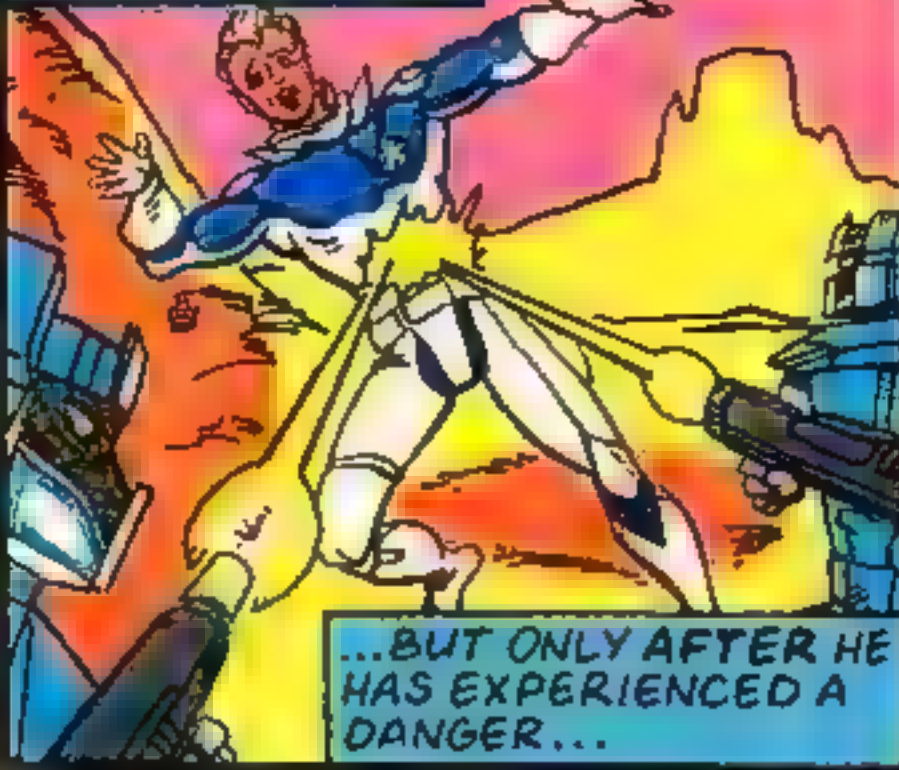


IMAGES OF SHANE "GOOSE" GOOSEMAN WERE THEN PUT IN ZAK'S MIND.



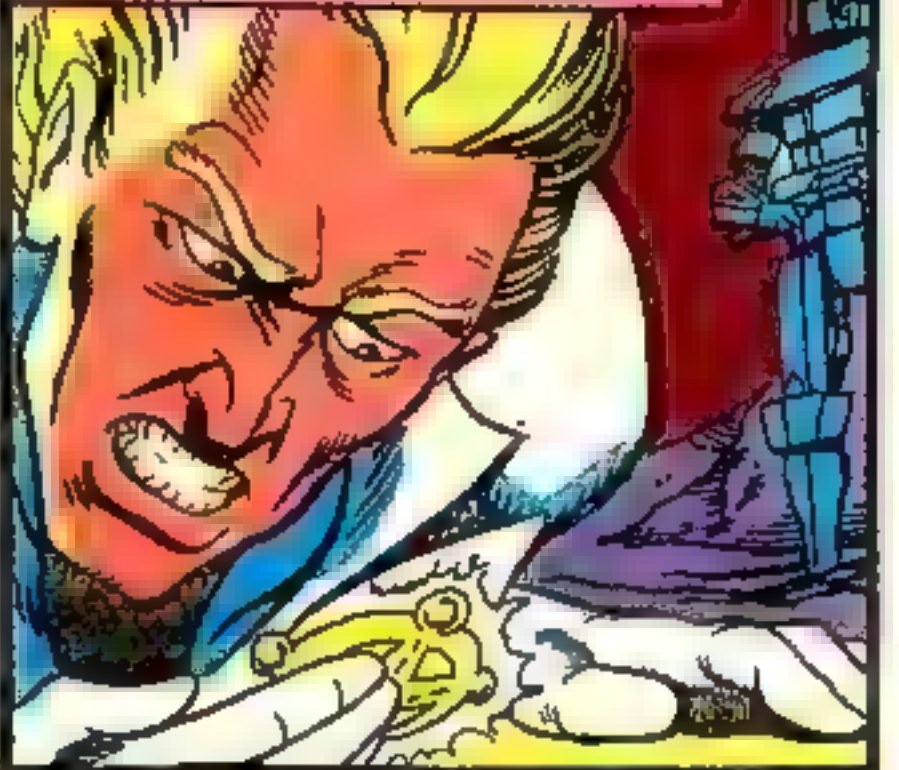
GOOSE IS THE LAST OF THE SUPERTROOPERS — THE RESULT OF GENETIC EXPERIMENTATION AND ENGINEERING.

GOOSE POSSESSES INTERNAL BIO-DEFENCES THAT CAN PROTECT HIM FROM HARM...

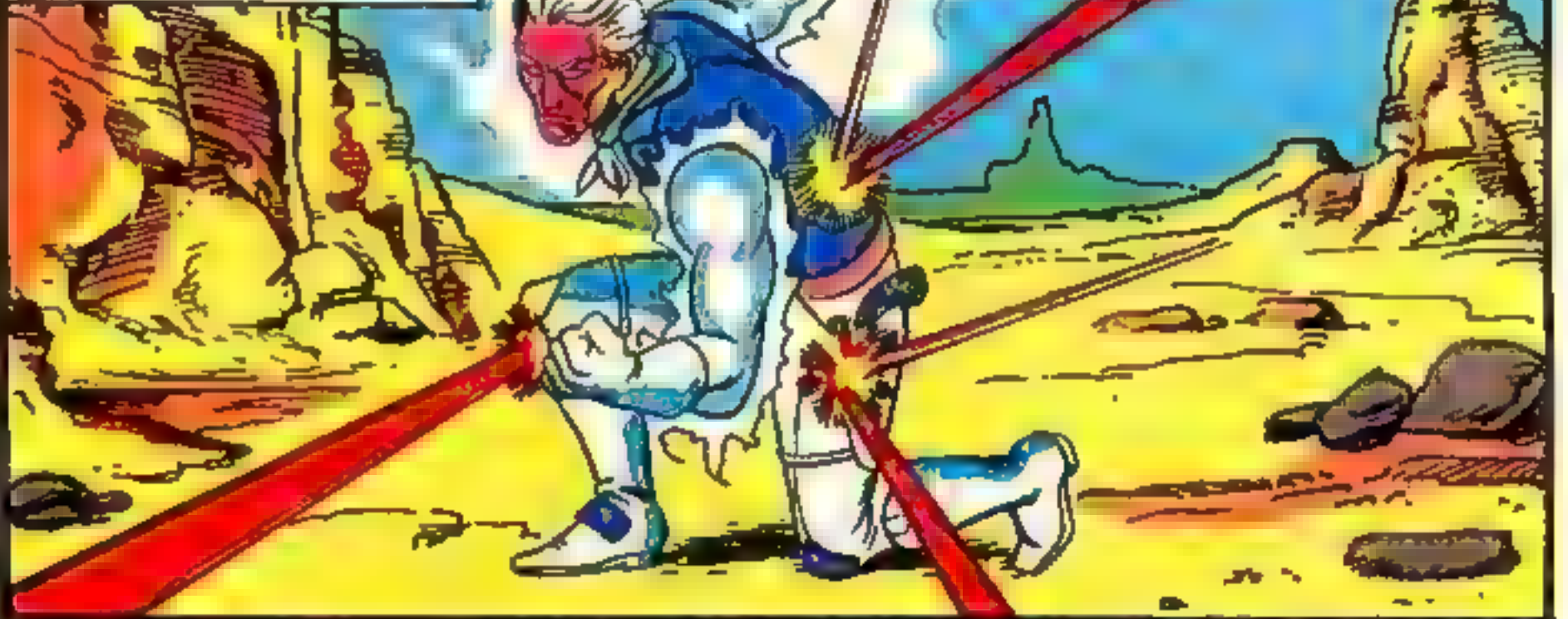


...BUT ONLY AFTER HE HAS EXPERIENCED A DANGER...

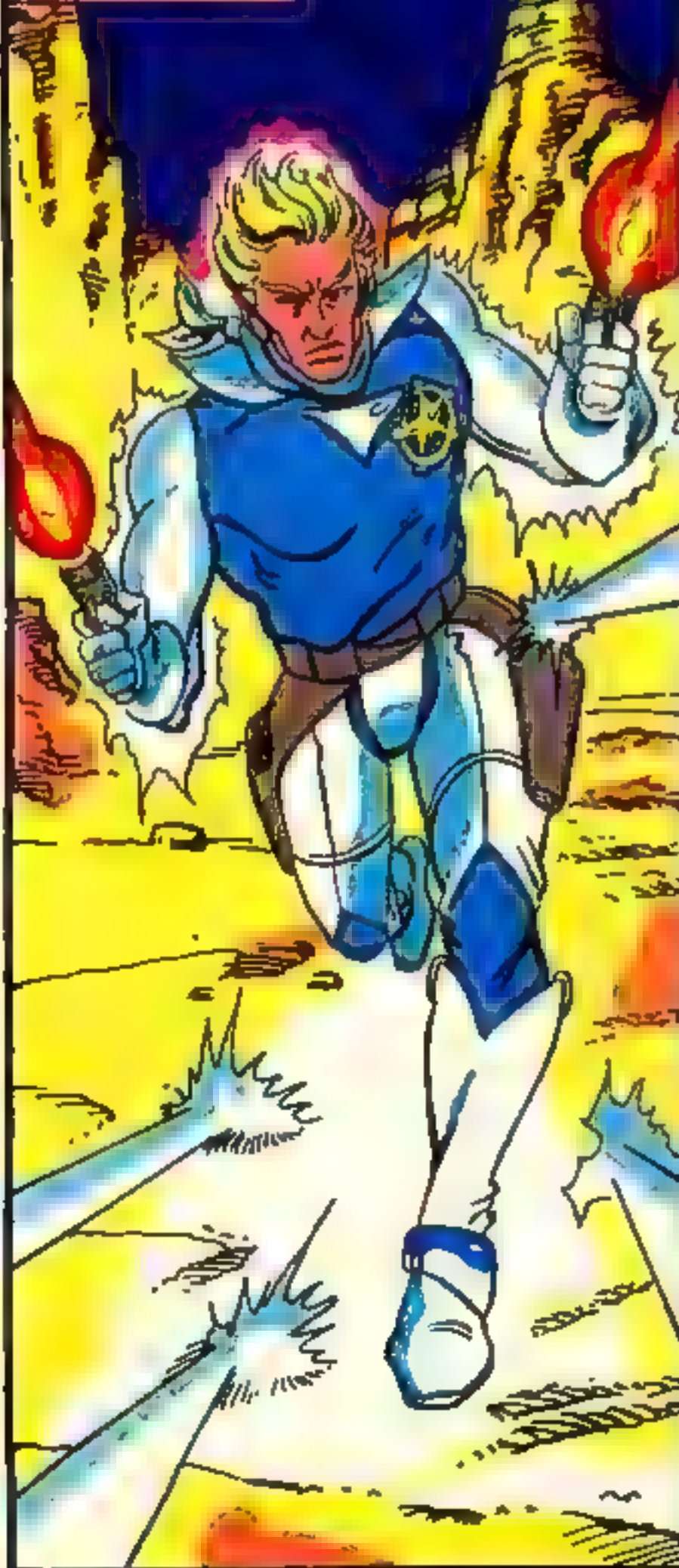
...AND AFTER HE HAS RECEIVED A POWER CHARGE BY TOUCHING HIS BADGE.



ONCE SO CHARGED, HE IS IMMUNE TO THE INITIAL DANGER...



...MAKING HIM VIRTUALLY INVINCIBLE.

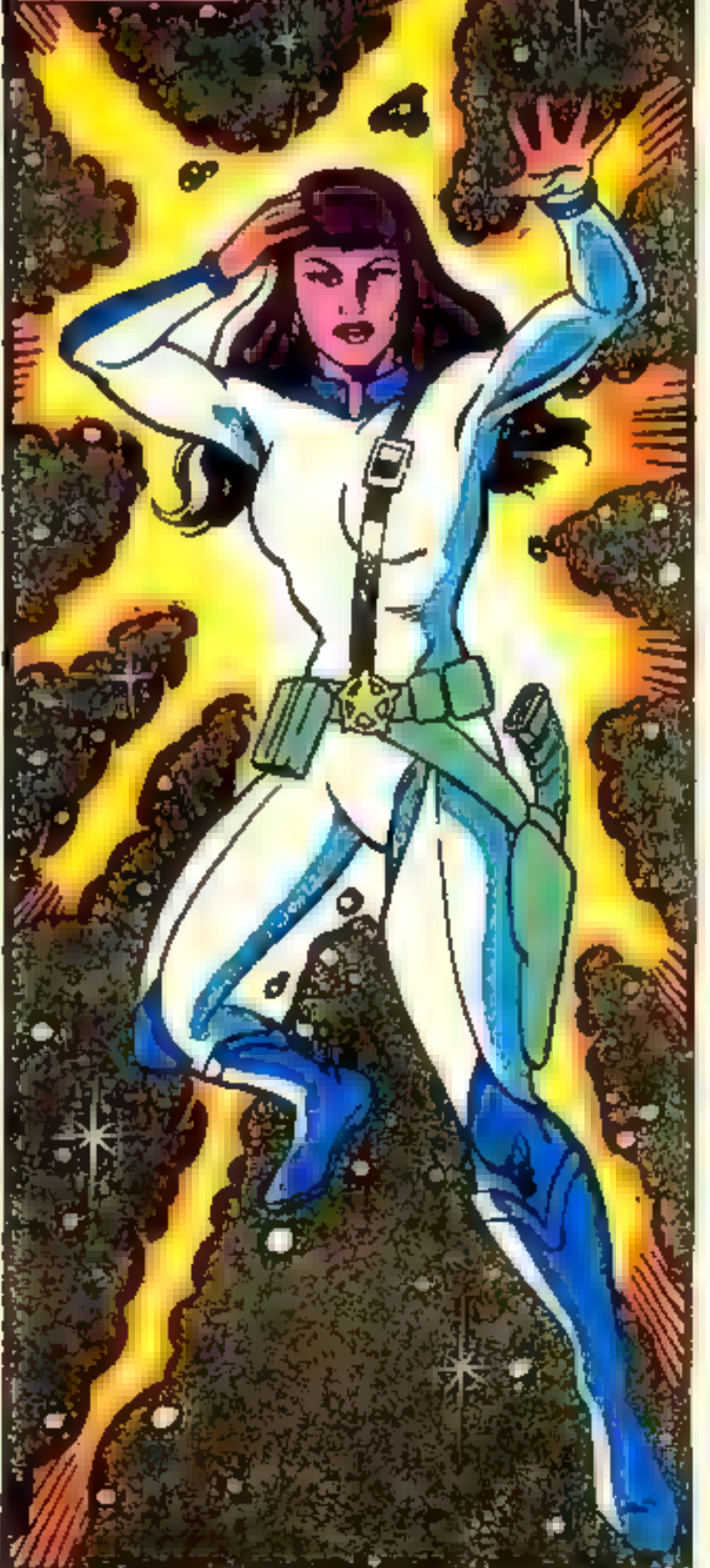


MORE IMAGES SHOWED DOC HARTFORD AND NIKO TO ZAK.



DOC BECOMES A COMPUTER WIZARD AFTER TOUCHING HIS BADGE TO SUMMON A POWER CHARGE.

NIKO'S NORMALLY LATENT PSYCHIC POWERS BECOME ACTIVE WHEN SHE RECEIVES HER BADGE-TRIGGERED CHARGE...





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OPERATIVE
NAME: ZACHERY
FOXX

BETA STATUS: **SERIES FIVE IMPLANT**
OPERATIVE/GALAXY RANGER

AGE: **THIRTY TWO**

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Foxx received a two-year assignment as Marshall to the Human colony on Kirwane. Departed Earth aboard the Phoenix Space Yacht along with his family (two children, Zach and Jessica, wife, Aliza) and Waldo, the Andorian Ambassador to Earth, and Zozo, the Kirwanian Ambassador to Earth. Ship was hijacked enroute to Kirwane by space outlaws, led by one Captain Kidd. The entire family was imprisoned while Kidd attempted to hand them over to the Queen of the Crown and claim the bounty she was offering for Earth natives. They were to be used in Psychocrystal experiments to generate Slaver Lords for the Queen's armed forces. However, Kidd was double-crossed by the Crown monarch, and in the ensuing chaos, Foxx, his two children and the two ambassadors attempted an escape. Foxx was injured, but was saved by Zozo and Waldo. Aliza Foxx is classed as missing, though she is believed to be held captive by the Queen.

The badly wounded Zachery was returned to Earth and rebuilt using advanced cybernetics. Work was sponsored by the Bureau of Extra-Terrestrial Affairs (BETA). New equipment included a brain implant that can receive energy charges from BETA computers to power his bionic components. The charges can also be converted into a high-yield energy ball fired from Foxx's rebuilt left arm.

On recovery, Foxx met with BETA Commander Joseph Walsh. Both recognised the need for an elite force to counter crime in Known Space. Foxx also insisted that members of the new squad be able to utilise the powers of the advanced Series Five implants. Walsh agreed and the Galaxy Rangers were born. Foxx's current status is Commander, Galaxy Rangers.

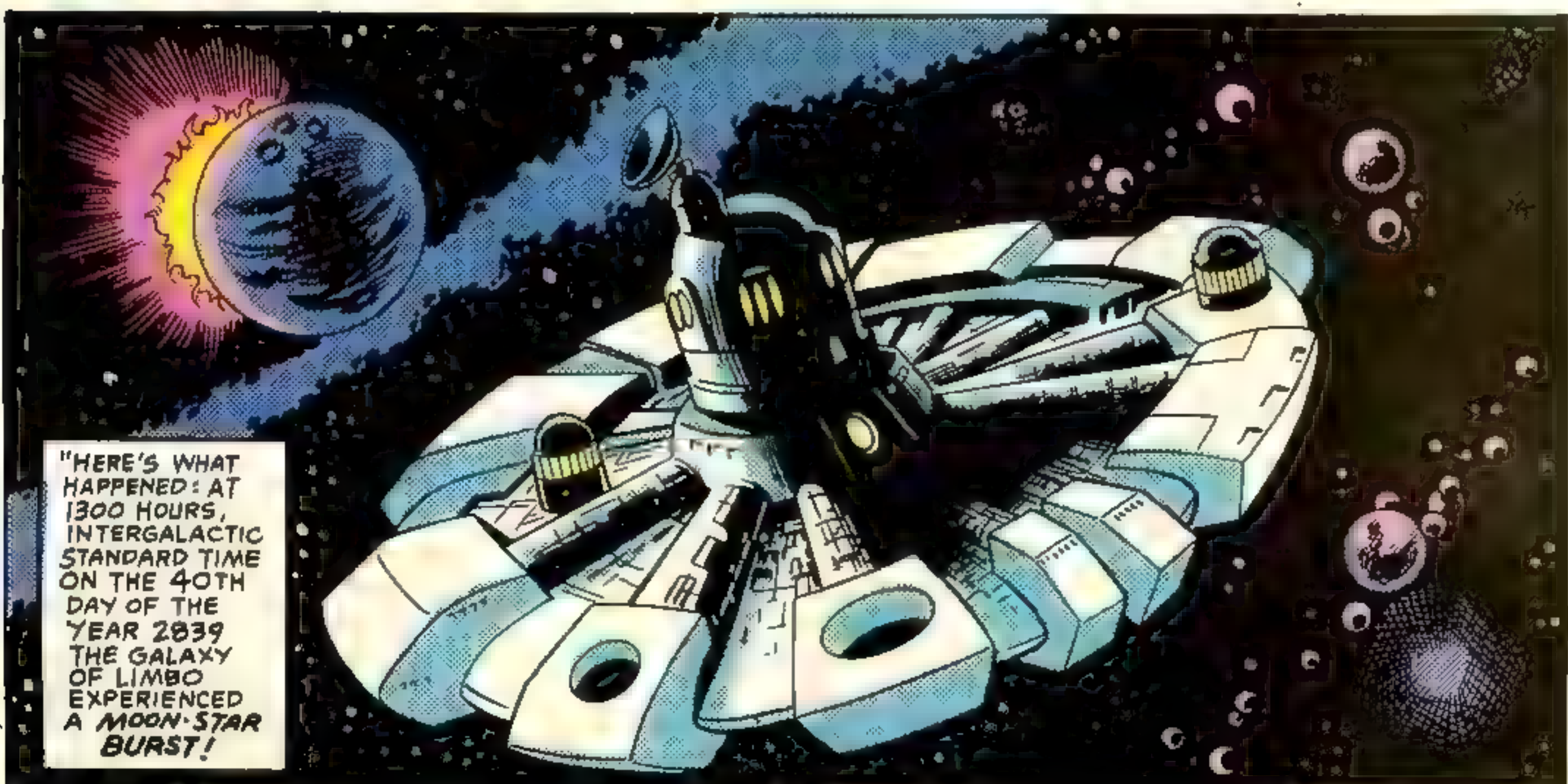
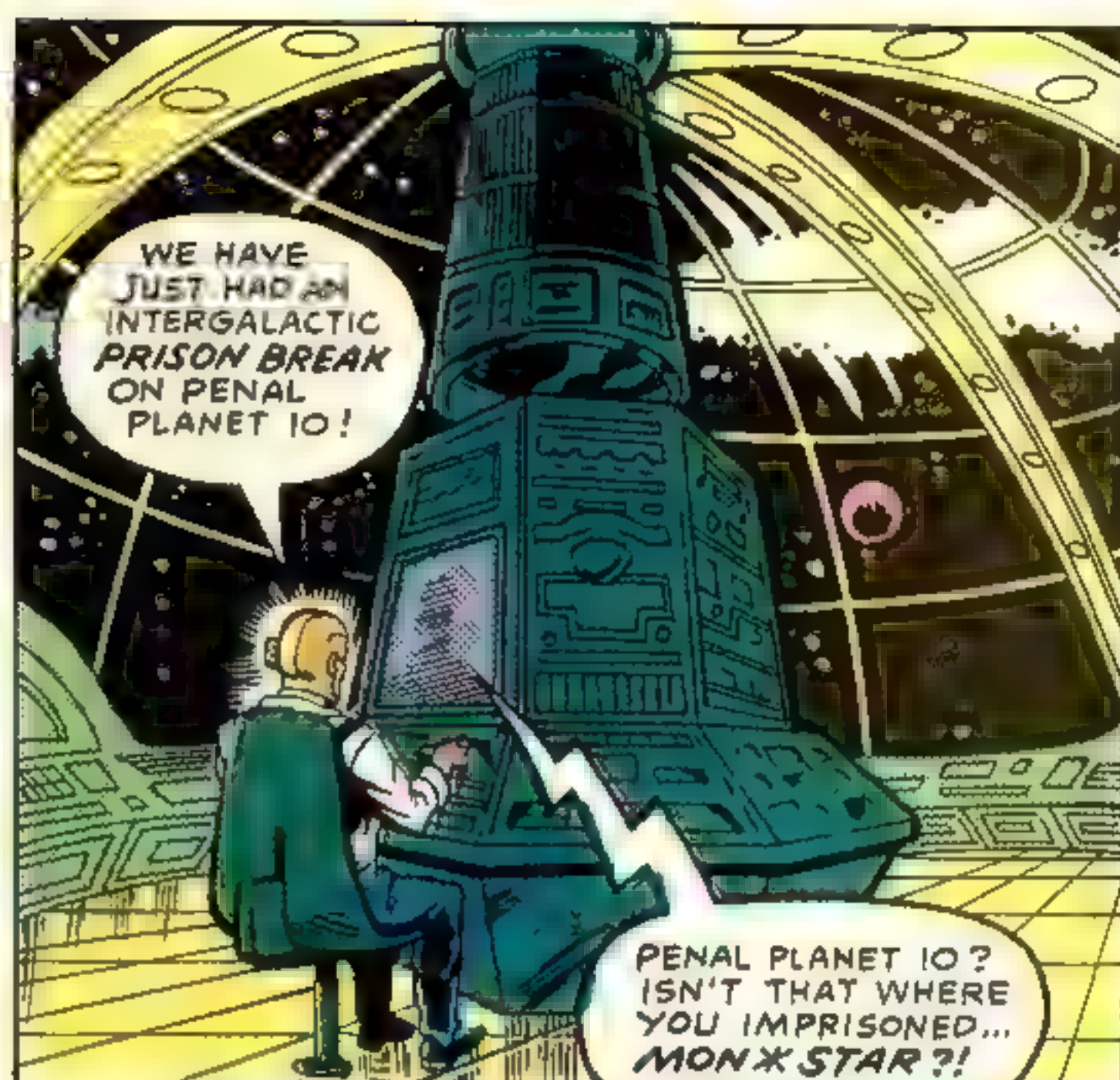


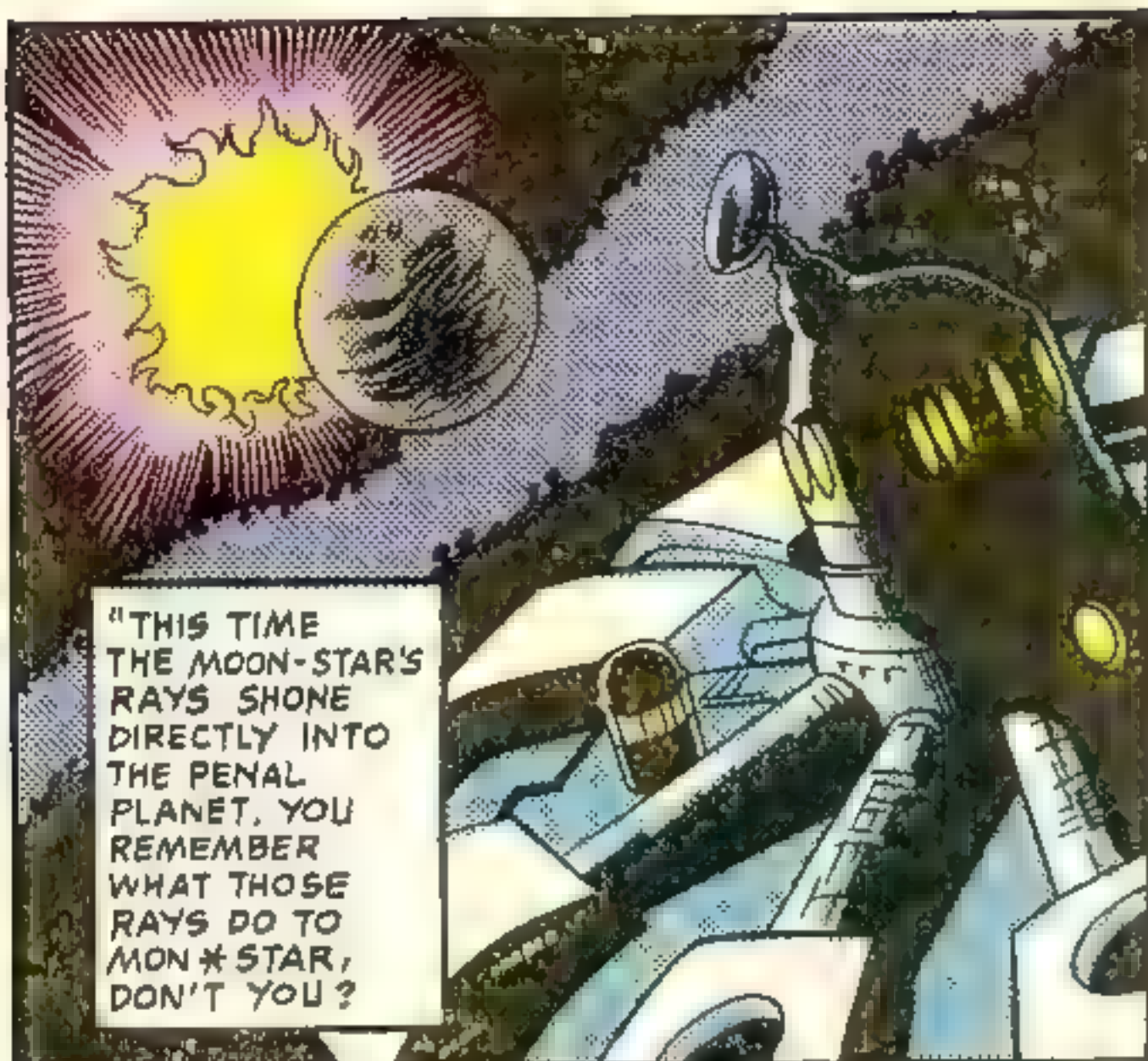
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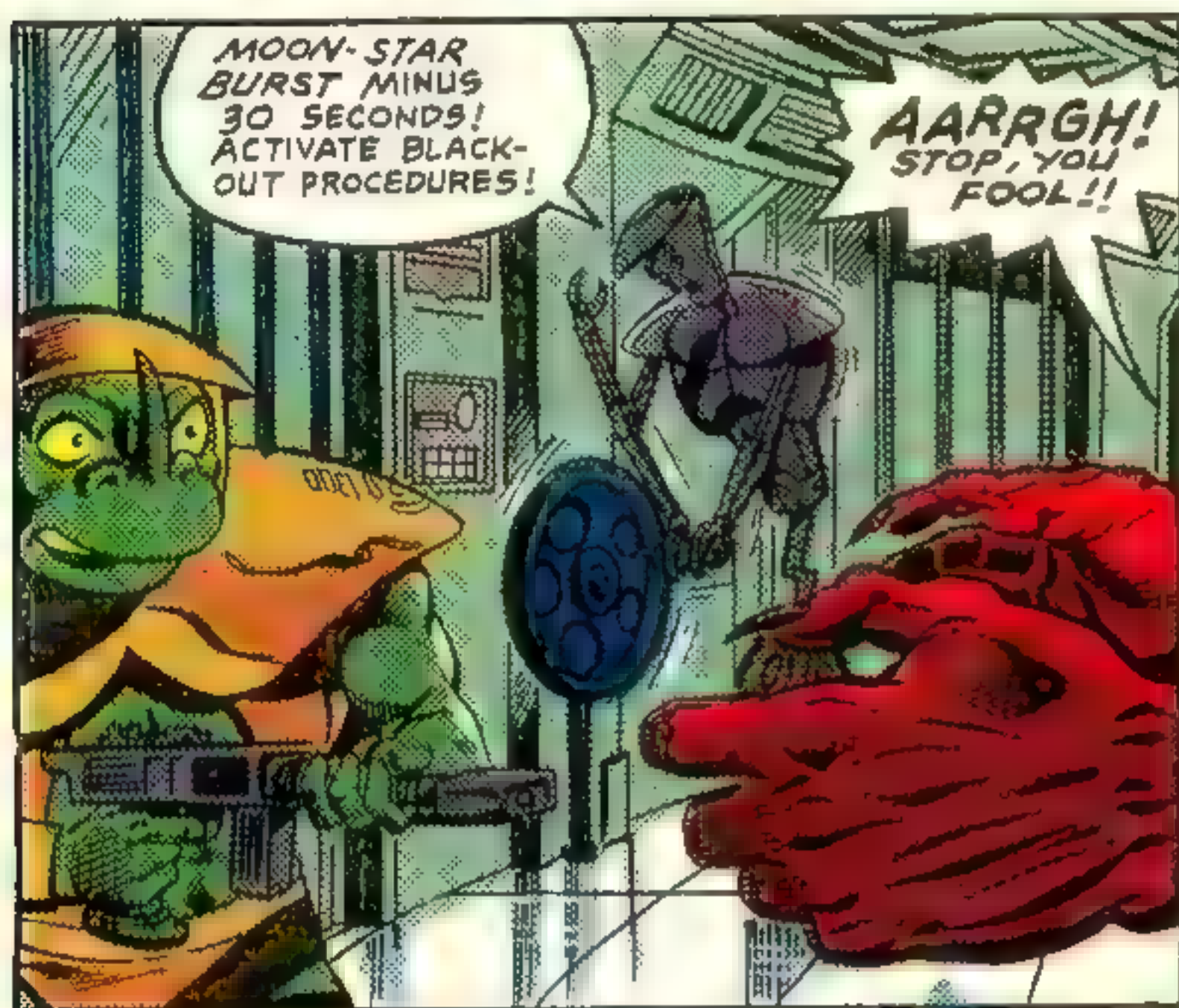
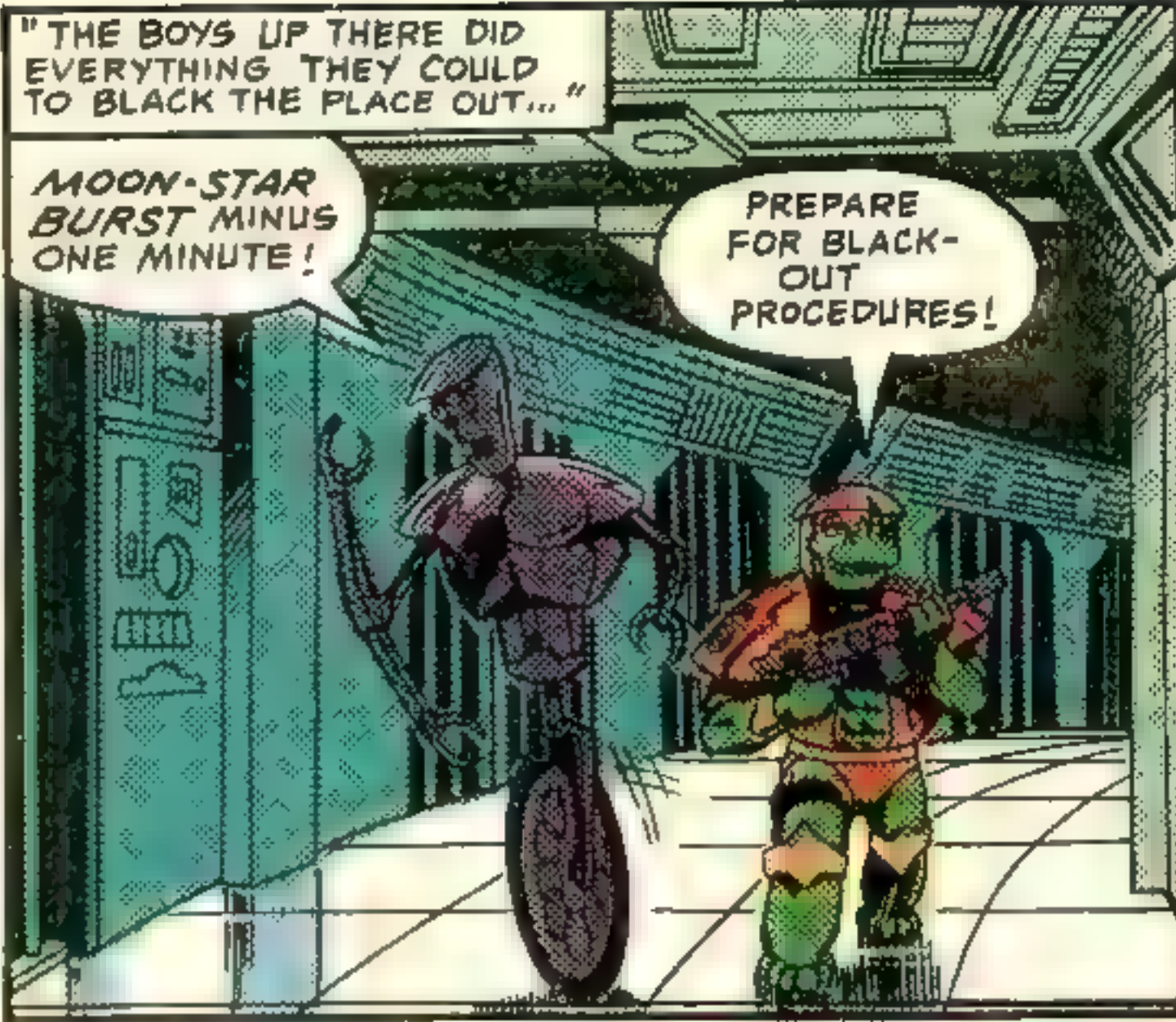


"THIS TIME
THE MOON-STAR'S
RAYS SHONE
DIRECTLY INTO
THE PENAL
PLANET. YOU
REMEMBER
WHAT THOSE
RAYS DO TO
MON*STAR,
DON'T YOU?"

"THE BOYS UP THERE DID
EVERYTHING THEY COULD
TO BLACK THE PLACE OUT..."

MOON-STAR
BURST MINUS
ONE MINUTE!

PREPARE
FOR BLACK-
OUT
PROCEDURES!



MOON-STAR
BURST MINUS
30 SECONDS!
ACTIVATE BLACK-
OUT PROCEDURES!

AARRGH!
STOP, YOU
FOOL!!



LET THE MOON-STAR
SHINE INTO MY CELL
AND YOU WILL BE
REWARDED WITH
WEALTH BEYOND
WEALTH!

FORGET IT, MON*STAR!
WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
WILL HAPPEN IF YOU EVER
SEE THE MOON-STAR AGAIN!



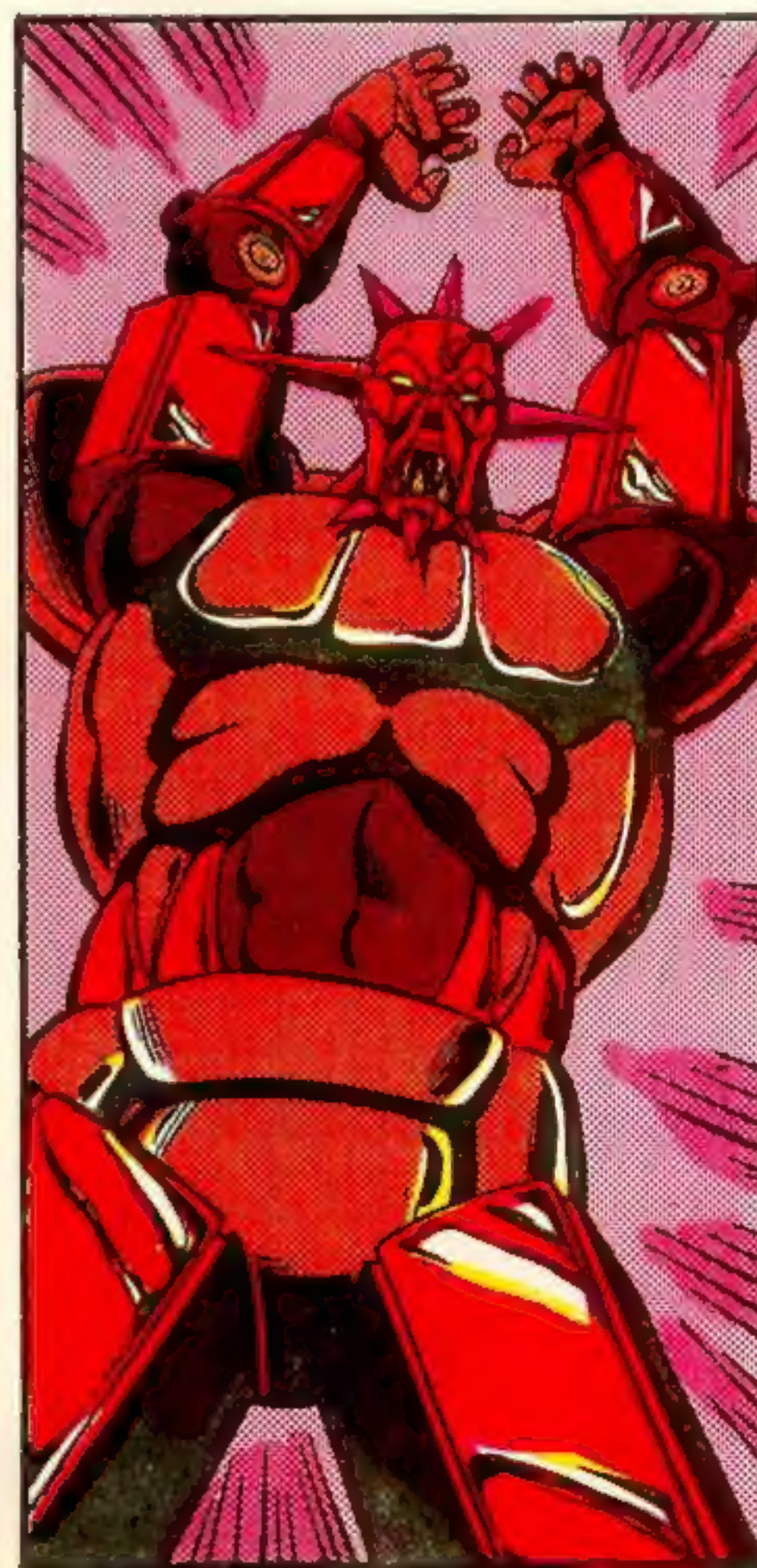
NO! NO, STOP!
YOU CAN TRUST
ME!

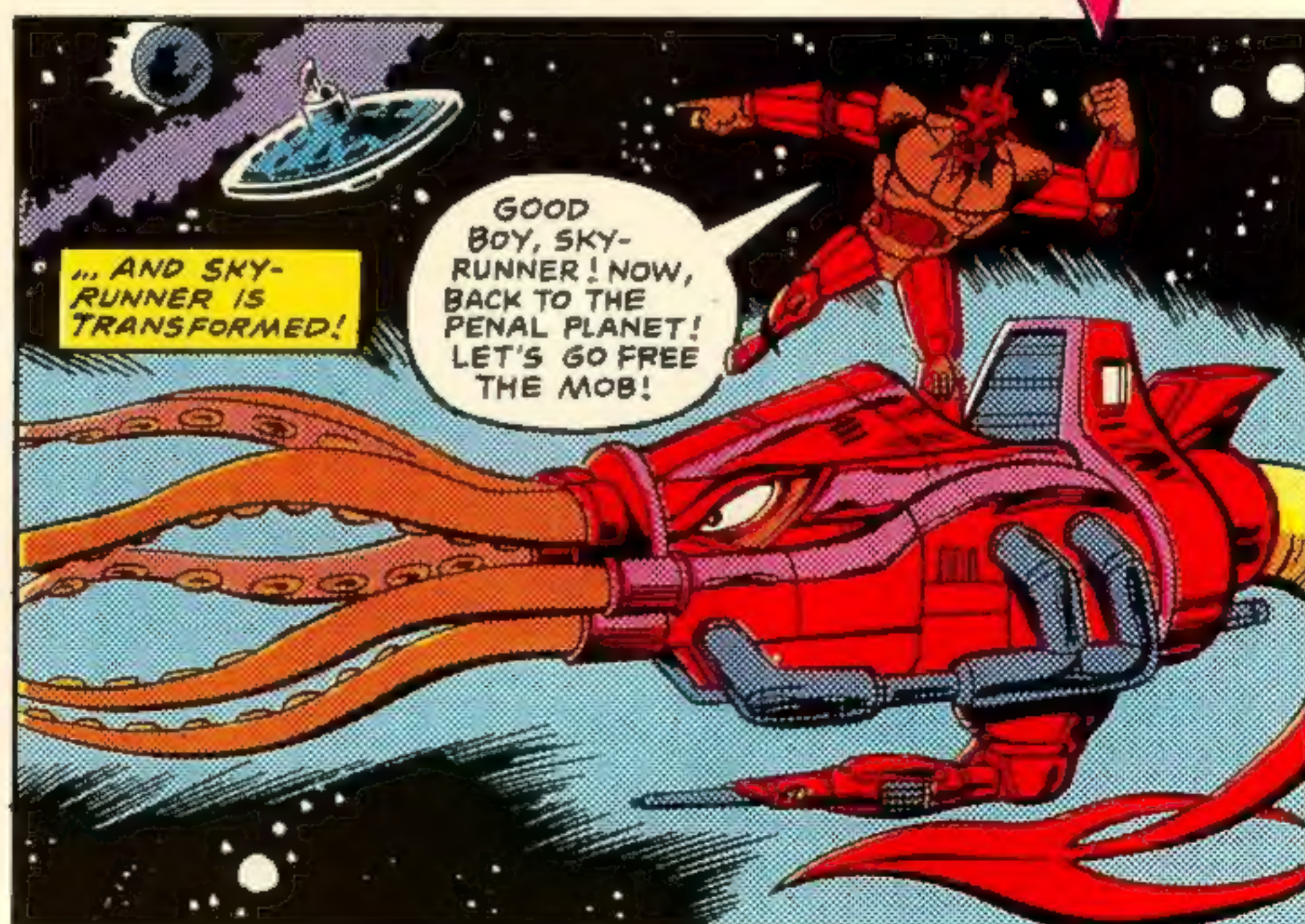
TRUST YOU?
WE REMEMBER
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE LAST
GUARD THAT
TRUSTED YOU!
LUCKILY, COM-
MANDER STAR-
GAZER
RECAPTURED
YOU!



STARGAZER...

THIS TIME
YOU'RE HERE FOR
GOOD MON*STAR!







"GOING LEFT TO RIGHT YOU'VE GOT *MO-LEC-U-LAR*, MASTER OF DISGUISE, HE CAN ASSUME ANY SHAPE, ANY FORM! HE'S MON*STAR'S UNDERCOVER MAN. THE FEMALE IS *MELODIA* MISTRESS OF THE EVIL NOTE, AND BEHIND HER IS *MUMBO JUMBO* THE STRONG MAN OF THE MOB.



THE TROLL IS *HARDWARE*, MON*STAR'S WEAPONS EXPERT. THE ROBOT IS *BUZZ-SAW*! WHEN HE PULLS THAT RECORD STARTER, THE GUY BECOMES A REGULAR CUT-UP, AND I DON'T MEAN HA HA!

"THEN THERE'S *WINDHAMMER*, THE GALACTIC STORM MASTER.



"HE CAN REALLY MESS UP A GALAXY'S WEATHER WITH THAT BLASTED TUNING FORK OF HIS!"



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